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Name	Tenures	Years
A. J. Tomlinson	1910-1916	(6)
T. L. McLain	1910-1916; 1926-1930	(10)
F. J. Lee	1910-1922	(12)
M. S. Lemons	1910-1916; 1919-1922	(9)
Sam C. Perry	1910-1916	(6)
A. J. Lawson	1910-1922	(12)
George T. Brouayer	1910-1922	(12)
R. M. Singleton	circa 1913-1916	(3)
J. L. Scott	circa 1913-1919	(6)
T. S. Payne	1916-1922	(6)
Louis Purcell	1926-1927	(1)
E. C. Clark	1926-1927	(1)
W. S. Wilemon	1926-1927	(1)
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I. C. Barrett	1927-1930	(3)
Zeno C. Tharp	1935-1941	(6)
R. R. Walker	1935-1937	(2)
M. P. Cross	1935-1938	(3)
R. P. Johnson	1937-1939	(2)
E. L. Simmons	1938-1939; 1950-	()
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J. Frank Spivey	1954-	()
Marshall E. Roberson	1954-	()
H. T. Statum	1954-	()
E. O. Byington	1954-	()

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Name	Tenures	Years
A. J. Tomlinson	1910-1922	(12)
J. S. Llewellyn	1922-1927	(5)
S. W. Latimer	1927-1928; 1935-1939	(5)
M. W. Letsinger	1928-1931	(3)
R. P. Johnson	1931-1932	(1)
E. C. Clark	1932-1935; 1942-1946	(7)
E. L. Simmons	1939-1942	(3)
J. H. Walker	1946-1948	(2)
J. D. Bright	1948-1952	(4)
Charles W. Conn	1952-	()

PUBLISHING HOUSE BUSINESS MANAGERS

Name	Tenures	Years
E. C. Clark	1946-1948	(2)
A. M. Phillips	1948-1950	(2)
Cecil Bridges	1950-	()

NOTICES

Anyone who would be interested in securing steady factory employment in the beautiful city of Lansing, Michigan, and who would like to be a church worker in the Church of God—a new building valued at \$16,000 has just been completed in the heart of the city—may contact the pastor, G. D. Boatwright, who will be of assistance in every way he can to get you happily situated. His address is 1901 Massachusetts Avenue, Lansing, Michigan.

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DECLARATION OF FAITH

- WE BELIEVE
1. In the verbal inspiration of the Bible.
2. In one God eternally existing in three persons; namely, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
3. That Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of the Father, conceived of the Holy Ghost, and born of the Virgin Mary. That Jesus was crucified, buried, and raised from the dead; that He ascended to heaven and is today at the right hand of the Father as the Intercessor.
4. That all have sinned and come short of the glory of God, and that repentance is commanded of God for all and necessary for forgiveness of sins.
5. That justification, regeneration, and the new birth are wrought by faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.
6. In sanctification subsequent to the new birth, through faith in the blood of Christ; through the Word, and by the Holy Ghost.
7. Holiness to be God's standard of living for His people.
8. In the baptism of the Holy Ghost subsequent to a clean heart.
9. In speaking with other tongues as the Spirit gives utterance, and that it is the initial evidence of the baptism of the Holy Ghost.
10. In water baptism by immersion, and all who repent should be baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
11. Divine healing is provided for all in the atonement.
12. In the Lord's Supper and washing of the saint's feet.
13. In the premillennial second coming of Jesus. First, to resurrect the righteous dead and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. Second, to reign on the earth a thousand years.
14. In the bodily resurrection; eternal life for the righteous and eternal punishment for the wicked.

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Our Forty-fifth Anniversary

THE FIRST ISSUE of the *Church of God Evangel* was printed forty-five years ago this week. At that time, its full name was *The Evening Light and Church of God Evangel*. The General Overseer of the Church was editor of the eight-page biweekly publication, which came into being after about two years of planning. A committee composed of A. J. Tomlinson, M. S. Lemons, F. J. Lee, T. L. McLain, Sam C. Perry, A. J. Lawson, and George T. Brouayer arranged for the publication and served as a publishing committee. The original purpose of the paper was to carry reports of the Church work, announcements from the General Overseer, sermons by the preachers, and testimonies by the members. There has never been any change in this purpose.

The first issue contained articles by several ministers prominent at that time. Most of them had to do with the Pentecostal Blessing. A sermon by Dr. A. J. Gordon on "God's Tenth" was reprinted from an unknown source. There were also numerous testimonies and reports from local churches.

The publication of the *Evangel* came after twenty-four years of Church of God history (the Church had been organized in 1886). It was in this year of publication, 1910, that the first missionary went out under the auspices of the Church of God. The publication preceded by eight years the formation of the first Church of God Bible School, which began in 1918. It preceded by ten years the opening of a Church of God Orphanage, which was begun in 1920. This gives some indication of the importance attached to the printed word by the Church in those formative days.

In 1917 the Church began the publication of its own Sunday School literature, tracts, and booklets. For twelve years the modest work was done under the direction of the General Overseer. F. J. Lee, a young minister of the Church, assisted considerably in the preparation of the Sunday School and *Evangel* material. In 1922, J. S. Llewellyn was elected Editor and Publisher, but the General Overseer continued to prepare the Sunday School material. The *Evangel* was filled with triumphant reports and testimonies that encouraged and inspired the readers to increase their efforts for the Lord from its first issue.

At first, the Church rented a tiny frame building, twenty by thirty feet, for its scant printing purposes. As the publishing interests of the Church increased, three additions were made to the original building. S. W. Latimer, M. W. Letsinger, and E. C. Clark were elected Editor and Publisher successively in this tiny building. Under the

guidance of Clark, a modern publishing plant was erected. This was completed in 1935 at a cost of more than \$26,000. With its equipment, it was one of the finest religious publishing houses in the South. Soon this building became obsolete and was replaced by the present building in 1954.

Looking over the table of editors, it is observed that in 1931-1932 and 1933-1934 the editor served concurrently as Assistant General Overseer. This was an impossible plan and failed both times. Only two editors have ever returned to the position after once leaving it—S. W. Latimer and E. C. Clark.

The tenure of E. L. Simmons as Editor and Publisher brought a new readability to the publication. The use of pictures was more freely employed. The format was slightly modified, and a lively editorial style was used. Simmons was succeeded by J. H. Walker, who, in turn, was succeeded by J. D. Bright. These men did a commendable work with the *Evangel*. Since 1952, the *Evangel* has been under the present editorship.

This special issue is designed to bring you a glimpse of the *Evangel's* past. At the dedication of the new plant on January 25, a number of the older employees in terms of service made interesting talks that are printed in this issue. We hope you will find a few pleasant memories here.



A Small Beginning

MRS. D. L. DANIEL



The entire general headquarters staff of workers in 1924. Left to right: (back row) J. D. Hyberger, Homer Wilson; (third row) Rayburn Payne, Rev. F. J. Lee; (second row) Rosa (Sowell) Barret, Mrs. E. L. Moore, Mrs. A. L. Million; (first row) Leota (Goins) Little, Abbie Sowell, Vianna (Free) Daniel; Rev. E. J. Boehmer and Rev. J. S. Llewellyn (not pictured)

On behalf of the *Evangel's* birthday, I am happy to comply with a request from the Editor to give the readers some idea of the setup at our General Church Headquarters in 1924, (at which time I first began working here). I was employed as a proofreader in the printing department. A picture of the frame building can be seen on this page. The publications printed consisted mainly of the *Evangel* and the Sunday School literature. There was also an abundance of job printing. The Editor and twelve employees comprised the entire staff of workers. I shall give the following comparison in number of employees and departments to show some of the progress the Church has made since that time. As most of our readers know, the business pertaining to the Publishing House is handled separately from the General Offices, therefore, I shall list them separately:

PUBLISHING HOUSE

DEPARTMENT	EMPLOYEES IN 1924	EMPLOYEES IN 1955
Editorial	1 Editor and Publisher	1 Editor-in-Chief 1 Business Manager 1 Editor of The LIGHTED PATHWAY 1 Editor of Sunday School Department 1 Editor of Primary Literature 1 Editor of Junior Literature 4 Field editors 3 Secretaries 2 Copy editors
Printing	1 Composer 2 Pressmen 2 Linotype operators 2 Proofreaders	1 Shop foreman 4 Composers 7 Pressmen 3 Linotype operators 2 Teletype operators 1 Secretary 1 Miscellaneous 4 Proofreaders

Bookkeeping	1 Bookkeeper	1 Head bookkeeper 2 Bookkeepers 9 Assistants
Mailing and Bindery	2 Employees	1 Foreman 17 Employees 2 Part-time employees
Sales	1 Clerk	1 Sales and Promotion Manager 1 Secretary 1 Clerk 2 Assistants
Music	0	1 Editor 1 Secretary 1 Plate-maker
Art	0	3 Artists
	1 Janitor	1 Janitor 1 Maintenance man 1 Receptionist
Total	13	84

EXPLANATION CONCERNING THE LITERATURE DEPARTMENT:
In 1924 we printed our Sunday School literature, but this department did not furnish the writer. The Reverend F. J. Lee prepared all the Sunday School material, in addition to his other duties as General Overseer.

GENERAL OFFICES

Following is my recollections of working conditions in the General Offices when I was transferred from the printing department in 1927 to work in this department as secretary. This department was on the second floor of the frame building. The entire staff consisted of three persons: General Overseer, General Secretary-Treasurer, and the private secretary.

The General Overseer's office was about 12 by 12 feet. In addition to his heavy responsibility as General Overseer, he compiled the Sunday School literature.

The General Secretary-Treasurer's office was about 16 by 20 feet. In this room all the files and records were kept. The General Secretary's duties varied widely and required long hours. Rising early to build a fire in preparation for work at 7 o'clock, he did his own janitor work for this department because of the danger of fire from the coal heater destroying the Church records.

Assisting in whichever office the work was most urgent, the secretary worked for both officials.

I shall give the following comparison, which shows some of the progress made in this department:

DEPARTMENT	EMPLOYEES IN 1924	EMPLOYEES IN 1955
General Overseer	1 General Overseer	1 General Overseer 1 First Assistant Overseer 1 Second Assistant Overseer 2 Secretaries
General Secretary-Treasurer	1 General Secretary-Treasurer 1 Secretary	1 General Secretary-Treasurer 1 Auditor 1 Secretary 5 Bookkeepers 1 Insurance Representative 2 Office Assistants 1 Janitor
Total	3	17

YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The Youth Department publishes the *Pilot*, a quarterly publication, to assist the young people in Y. P. E. services.

EMPLOYEES IN 1954

0

EMPLOYEES IN 1955

- 1 National Sunday School and Youth Director
- 1 Secretary
- 1 Assistant Youth Director
- 1 Secretary-Associate Editor
- 1 Office Assistant

Total

0

5

FOREIGN MISSIONS

In 1924 we had no office set up for this department. The very few missionaries sent to the field worked under

the supervision of the General Overseer. The Church now has eighty American missionaries in various countries.

The following shows the personnel in this office at present:

EMPLOYEES IN 1924

0

EMPLOYEES IN 1955

- 1 Executive Missions Secretary
- 1 Field Representative
- 1 Private secretary
- 1 Bookkeeper
- 1 Assistant Field Representative
- 1 Editor, foreign language literature
- 1 Secretary, language department

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GROWTH OF THE PUBLISHING HOUSE



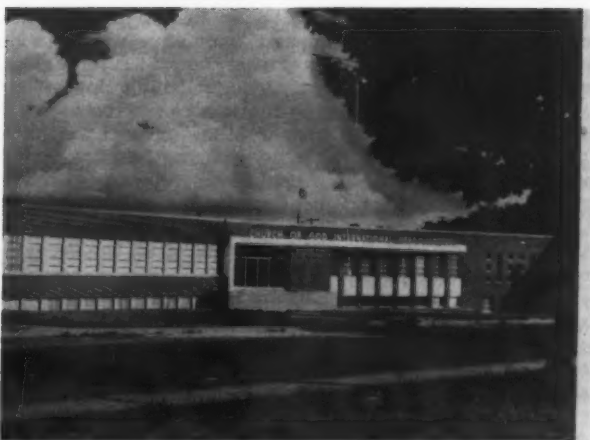
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1955

March 5, 1955

A Publishing House Veteran Speaks

By LYDIA MUNN

Speech made at the dedication of the new plant on January 25, 1955

I CAME TO the Publishing House in March of 1925, which will be thirty years ago in March, to work in the bookkeeping department, a small room about 12 by 15 feet that was shared with the Editor and Publisher, J. S. Llewellyn, who was also the Business Manager. The furniture in this room, the best I can remember, consisted of two desks, one or two letter files, a steel vault, a typewriter, two card index files for the charge accounts, three chairs, and a coal stove.

After a couple of years, the bookkeeping department was moved upstairs to a room about the same size, thus giving the Editor and Publisher more room, as well as the bookkeeper. Later, they gave me one helper.

The books were kept as follows: We had a loose-leaf book that was ruled to keep the different accounts separate. This was a good system, but the mail orders were booked in the old-time bound ledgers. One day we used one book, and the next day we sent that same book to the mailing department for the orders to be filled. On that particular day, we booked the orders in another ledger, thus exchanging books every day. We had no invoices; therefore, the customers did not receive any kind of bill with their orders. They received only a statement at the appointed time we had to mail them. This part of the system I did not like; therefore, I had a talk with the Business Manager, and I explained how much better I thought it would be to have the printers make us some invoices—one color for the book orders and another color for Sunday School literature, etc. On these we could write the orders in duplicate form, file the original, fill the order by the duplicate, and mail it to the customer along with the merchandise. He agreed. They were printed, and I had the happy privilege of writing the first invoice ever mailed out by the Church of God Publishing House.

At that time, the Publishing House bookkeeping department had to keep books for the following departments: The Publishing House, Orphanage, Home Missions, Foreign Missions, General Indebtedness, Sunday School Tithes, Bible Training School, and when added a little later, the Home Supply Store, which was purchased for the Orphanage. In fact, we kept books for all the departments except the Tithes of Tithes.

Finally, we purchased a Burrough's bookkeeping machine, which made the work much better, and the General Secretary-Treasurer took over the Home and Foreign Missions funds. This helped a lot. Today these funds are kept by the various departments.

In 1934 we moved into a new building on Montgomery Avenue, which is now used for the sales department. The new bookkeeping department had nice hardwood floors

and was so much larger and had so much more filing space that we just didn't have words to express how happy and thankful we were. But look at the bookkeeping department now. We have a regular little army of employees for the much larger department.

I don't think that we can give to any one man the credit for the growth and expansion of the Publishing House or the Church. You on the field have helped to make this possible.

In 1925 we did not have much money on which to operate. A few years before, we had been left with only a few hundred dollars, but the companies from which we purchased paper were very good to us, though at times we had to make notes for the paper we purchased in carload lots, but the Lord helped us. The companies from which we purchased books, etc., were wonderful. I don't remember our being unable to purchase anything we needed.

We had to operate on such a close margin that the Business Manager made me wait until the Assembly was half over before I could close the books for the year. This was in order to include the Assembly sales in the annual report so that it would not seem so bad. Then, that meant that I had to work until midnight or later for several nights to get the books closed and a special report typed to be read to the Assembly.

As the years went by, the Lord was wonderful. Bless His name! Very often we would hear the Business Manager in the prayer room praying and groaning before the Lord, and at night our General Overseer, F. J. Lee, and General Secretary-Treasurer, E. J. Boehmer, would go to the prayer room and pray for the needs of the Church. Sometimes I wonder if Brother Lee could return, if he would even recognize the Church.

The prayer room did not look like this prayer room, with its electric organ, piano, and nice pews. Although it was just a small room with a bare floor, a few chairs, no piano, no organ, the Lord met us there. Bless His name.

Well do I remember the morning when I had a severe cold and was so hoarse that I could speak only in a whisper, and I could hardly do that. (That was the way colds used to serve me.) Without my asking for prayer, Brother Lee said, "We are going to pray for Sister Munn this morning; she needs help." They prayed for me and, bless His wonderful name, God healed me that morning. I have never had a cold like that one from that day to this. Truly He is the fairest of ten thousand, and He is altogether lovely. He's the Bright and Morning Star of my soul. I love Him tonight with all my heart, and I want to go all the way with Him. Bless His name.

+ FROM 1927 UNTIL NOW +

By IRENE WALES

The Publishing House force. In April, 1927, I came to Cleveland, Tennessee, for the first time, arriving on the noon train from New Orleans, Louisiana. After lunch at the home of J. S. Llewellyn, who was then the Editor and Publisher, I was taken to the Church of God Publishing House on Gaut Street. It took only a few minutes to introduce me to the entire force—some fifteen or eighteen persons. I went to work that very afternoon, and I have had plenty to do here ever since.

I started as a copy-preparer, proofreader, receptionist, and secretary to the Editor and Publisher. The copy preparing included the typing of all materials to be printed, as well as the correcting of them. The proofreading, of course, included two readings after the type had been set. One other girl helped with the typing and proofreading, and a little later, when a Music Editor was added, she was his secretary. Aside from the duties already named, the two of us addressed the labels for mailing out all the Sunday School literature orders.

The Editor and Publisher (whose duties also included those of business manager for a number of years), the bookkeeper, the other girl and I made up the office force of the Publishing House until the Music Editor and a helper in the bookkeeping office were added.

The business of the House has expanded in different ways—circulation of publications, number of periodicals printed, etc.—but as far back as 1927, to say the least, we were printing the *Evangel* weekly, song books, tracts, quite a few books and other job work, and Sunday School literature as follows: Adult Quarterly, Junior Quarterly, Primary Quarterly, and Picture Cards for the Beginners.

From 1927 to this time, the force has grown from fifteen or eighteen to over one hundred, including the employees of the General Offices.

The Church has had nine different Editors and Publishers, and I had the privilege of being secretary to all of them. Instead of an Editor and Publisher, for nine years now we have had an Editor-in-Chief and a Business Manager. My work at present is that of editor of our Primary literature, but for approximately eighteen years, along with other duties until now, I have been writing our Sunday School literature for the children. From the first, the General Overseer was editor of all the literature. Later, the Editor and Publisher began the writing of the Sunday School literature. Now we have three full-time editors, three part-time editors, and our Editor-in-Chief, and we are all kept very busy.

The building. The Publishing House offices in 1927 totaled two. The bookkeeper's office was on the second floor. On the first floor of the old frame building, to the left as one walked in through the front door, was the other office. Through the center of this office was a counter, at one end of which was the only telephone on that floor. On one side of this counter was the Editor and Publisher's desk; on the other side was the desk at which the other girl, who helped with the proofreading, etc., and I worked. This office, as well as the rest of the

building, was heated with a coal heater, and in and around the loosely fitting windows, we got plenty of fresh air.

Things went pretty much the same for the first seven years after I came here, or until 1934, when we moved from the old frame building on Gaut Street to our new brick building on Montgomery Avenue. This was a great improvement, and we were all happy. But as the work kept growing, there was much shifting about to make room for other help, until at last we grew out of the second building. Now we have three buildings in one, extending from one corner of the block to the other; in fact, it occupies the entire block, including a nice parking space and taking in the brick building built for our Orphanage in 1947. The old frame structure on Gaut Street could be put into this nice, new, modern, air-conditioned building several times. The offices of the Publishing House alone number eleven, besides the large bookkeeping department, the art department, and a nice library.

The Publishing House has always had a prayer room, where a short service has been held each morning, and we have always prayed that God's blessings would be upon the publications that we print and mail out from here. In 1927 the prayer room was a small uncelled room of the old frame building. Today we have a lovely modern chapel that boasts blond woodwork, blond pews, an electric organ, and a piano. Music, singing, the reading of a scripture, and prayer is a wonderful way for our group of workers to begin each new day. I am sure we shall never know the great benefit the business here, the employees, and our friends on the field have derived from the services held in our chapel here every day, although in years gone by we had to work an extra thirty minutes a day, without pay, to make up for the devotion period.

Privileges and other benefits. It has not always been smooth sailing for the Publishing House nor its employees. We have had difficulties and discouragements, just as others do, but God has wonderfully blessed both the business and the employees. During the years of depression, we always had work, and not even one day did we have to close our doors. We have continued to grow and grow, by His help, and working conditions have been greatly improved. For quite a number of years we worked without one holiday with pay, without a vacation with pay (which meant that nearly always there were those who never got a vacation), and without some of the other privileges and benefits we now enjoy. For all the expansion the business has made and for all the good it has done, we give God the praise and the glory. I, for one, am happy about the progress the House and the Church has made. I am a stockholder in this business in more than one way, and I am a fullpledged member of the Church of God. I love the Church and, along with the other workers here, am trying to do my part wholeheartedly to help others learn about Jesus and expand God's kingdom in this world. I know God will continue to help us if we continue to love and serve Him the very best way we can.



Editorial Staff, left to right—W. Perdue Stanley, Editor of Sunday School Literature; Irene Wales, Editor of the Primary Department; Geneva Carroll, Editor of the Junior Department; and Lewis J. Willis, Editor of The LIGHTED PATHWAY. Seated, Charles W. Conn, Editor-in-Chief.

Ezra 6:16, "And the children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy."

ON THIS OCCASION I am reminded of the words of Abraham Lincoln spoken at Gettysburg: "But in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate." If God has not already hallowed this place with His presence, no mere words that we can speak will bring this about. We are only reiterating to God and to you our firm purpose for the erection of this building.

Many times I have been called on to dedicate church buildings, but this occasion is different, and this house of the Lord is different, because it houses so many diversified operations. It is, however, an occasion of great joy, because it signifies a great task successfully completed and well done. It is a joyous event denoting the attainment of a goal; it is a time of rejoicing, because this is God's house for God's business.

We dedicate this plant, with its every press, binder, stitcher, linotype, folder, cutter, and piece of equipment, to the glory of God for the cause of sending the gospel to every creature and of sounding forth the marvelous praise of Him who has called us out of darkness into this wonderful light.

We dedicate our Editorial Department, which includes the *Evangel*, The LIGHTED PATHWAY, Sunday School literature, tracts, pamphlets, and books, to the glory of God for the dissemination of glad tidings and good news and to make known the manifold wisdom of God. It is dedicated to the purpose of increasing knowledge, both of God's Word and things pertaining thereto, and for aids and helps to study the Holy Writ, recognizing that Paul has said, "That whatsoever things were written aforetimes were written for our learning."

We dedicate our Book Store to the interest of helping all obey Paul's exhortation to "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." He also set the example of diligent study even under the most adverse circumstances. While in jail and, perhaps, cold, chilled to the bone, and uncomfortable, Paul wrote and requested Timothy to bring his cloak, "and the books, but especially the parchments." It was this same apostle who

*An Assistant General Overseer
points out at the Dedication
Service of January 25, 1955,
the purpose of*

DEDICATING

By JAMES A. CROSS, Assistant

gave instruction to the young minister Timothy advising him to "give attendance to reading." Thus our book department is dedicated to the cause of helping our ministers to become better ministers.

WE DEDICATE our Music Department to the glory of Him who caused angels to sing and the morning stars to shout for joy, to preserve for our generation and for generations to come the hymns of faith and comfort which are our heritage, to hand to us alive the songs of our fathers that consoled in weary nights and comforted in times of distress, to create and bring forth new songs in order for us to obey the greatest singer of all, David the Psalmist, who said, "Sing unto him a new song," and the great statesman-prophet, Isaiah, who enjoined us, "Sing unto the Lord a new song," and to glorify the Giver of songs, who hath "put a new song in my mouth." It is dedicated to the cause of teaching others to sing in order that we may join in that glad chorus when with all the redeemed we shall join in singing, "Thou art worthy, for thou hast redeemed us to God," and to join with the song of Moses and the Lamb.

We join in dedicating our Missions Department in obedience to the Commission of Christ given in Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and we give a hearty "amen" to the slogan "The Whole Gospel for the Whole Man in the Whole World." The Foreign Language Department of Missions is wholly for the all-important task of sending good tidings of great joy to all people, remembering the words of Peter in Acts 10:34, 35, "God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him." Thus our Foreign Language Department is dedicated to this proposition.

Our Youth Department is dedicated to affirm that God CAN and DOES use youth to promote His purpose. This is amply proved in both the Old and the New Testaments. In the Old Testament God called Samuel while only a lad to carry on His work, and the shepherd boy David was called from caring for the flock to lead God's people. In the New Testament it was a boy who, at the right place in the right time, became the instrument for feeding the multitude. It is in the New Testament that instruction is given, "Let no man despise thy youth, but be thou an example." So, the Youth Department is dedi-

G THE HOUSE

OSS, Assistant General Overseer

cated to God for the purpose of enlisting young people, with their vision, vitality, and vivaciousness, to win the world to the old, rugged cross.

The General Secretary's Department is dedicated to the purpose of faithfully recording the transactions and records of ministers and churches, knowing that the recording angels of glory are also inscribing indelible and permanent records in glory for which we shall be rewarded. It is dedicated to the cause of faithful stewardship of God's money with which He hath intrusted us, remembering that the Chief Steward will adequately reward all who have faithfully discharged His stewardship.

The Auditor's Department is dedicated to the purpose of good and orderly records, reminding us that we shall be called before the Head Auditor to give an accounting of our lives and actions. His findings will reveal the true state of affairs in our lives, and His report cannot be challenged.

The General Offices is dedicated to the care and oversight of all the Churches of God in painstaking watchfulness, knowing that whosoever faithfully fills the office purchases to himself a good degree and great boldness in faith. It is dedicated to the loving Father who cares for all and on whom we may cast all our cares and troubles. Dedicated as being answerable to the Great Shepherd and Bishop of our souls for the administration of the affairs of God's Church.

There is a room to my left that is beautiful in its simplicity, yet its furnishings lend regal dignity, and cause one to be conscious of God's presence. It is our Council Room. The early Church recognized the validity of the argument of Solomon, who said, "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety," Proverbs 1:4. It practiced and proved its unifying principle to the edification of the Church and the glory of God as it is recorded in the book of Acts in chapter 15. This council chamber is dedicated for the same purpose, and God grant that it will always be said in its chambers, "It seemed good to the Holy Ghost and to us."

THIS BEAUTIFUL CHAPEL in which we are assembled is dedicated to God as a place of prayer. This is the place where we meet God and have communion with Him. It is dedicated as a place of praise where our voices will sound forth in adoration to the Saviour of all



V. B. "Vep" Ellis at the organ, Walter Ambrose at the piano. Made during Open House, September 30, 1954, in the chapel.

mankind and in praise for His redeeming power, for His overshadowing presence, and for His everlasting arms on which we are supported. It is dedicated as a place of refuge from the overwhelming burdens of life and for the overwrought soul to find ease from the accusing finger of Satan. It is dedicated as a place where we can come to unload the cares of the world and leave with a song in our hearts. It is dedicated as a place to load ourselves with faith and to receive strength from the loving hands of God. This chapel is dedicated for the preaching of God's Word, for the administration of the sacraments, and for all acts of religious worship. It was William Cullen Bryant who wrote of just such a place as this in these words:

*Thou, whose unmeasured temple stands,
Built over earth and sea,
Accept the walls that human hands
Have raised, O God, to Thee.*

*Lord, from Thine inmost Glory send,
Within these courts to bide,
The peace that dwelleth without end
Serenely by thy side.*

*May erring minds that worship here
Be taught the better way;
And they who mourn, and they who fear,
Be strengthened as they pray.*

*May faith grow firm and love grow warm,
And pure devotion rise,
While round these hallowed walls the storm
Of earthborn passion dies.*

Though we dedicate this building and all its furnishings, it is of no effect unless we have a dedicated people, also. The humming of the presses will be but dull thuds and the work of the people but hollow mockery unless there is a consecrated people. We, therefore, pledge anew and consecrate again to Almighty God and beseech Him to bless all our efforts for His glory.

Forasmuch as God hath put it into the hearts of His people to erect this plant for His service and hath blessed them in their undertaking, **WE SOLEMNLY DEDICATE IT TO HIS SERVICE FOREVER.** Let us all pray that He will graciously accept this labor of our hands.

The Latter Rain

I THANK GOD for letting me live to see the latter rain. "Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain," Zechariah 10:1b. "That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil," Deuteronomy 11:14. These mean justification, sanctification, and the baptism with the Holy Ghost. The corn represents justification, the wine represents sanctification, and the oil represents the baptism with the Holy Ghost. If we read Joel 2:23, we shall find that Brother Joel said: "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month." The former rain here means a teacher of righteousness, and this teacher of righteousness is the Holy Ghost. James 5:7 reads like this: "Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain." This means the rain of the Holy Ghost. Praise God! Glory and honor be to His ever blessed name. And in the next verse James says, "Be ye also patient; establish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh."

I, when in a justified state, thought I should have liked to lived in the age of the apostles, but I have come to the conclusion I'd rather live in the time of the latter rain.

Now God is pouring out His Spirit in these last days, as Joel prophesied He would. Joel 2:28, 29. "And it shall come to pass afterwards, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out of my Spirit." Do you know the prophets enquired and searched diligently for this salvation of which I am trying to tell? Look, if you please, and see what old Brother Peter said: "Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you."

Now, may God help every dear reader to see that the latter rain is falling and that people are receiving it as it falls—some are; I don't mean that all are receiving it.

Now let me tell you how I happened to receive this rain or the Holy Ghost. I was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for about fifteen years, and I was living as best I could with the light that I had. But I praise God for inspiring one of the prophets and causing him to say: "In the evening time it shall be light." And now it is evening, and the light is shining. It shines so brightly I am walking in it now. Praise God! I shall tell how I came into the light. The holiness people were having a meeting in a tent on Central Avenue, between home and the store, but I did not believe in their teaching, for I did not believe a person could live a life pure and holy on earth. But I began to read the Bible more carefully than I had

been reading it, and I found that the New Testament was full of the teachings of holiness. In 1 Peter 1:15, 16, I found that Peter said, "But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye also holy in all manner of conversation. Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy." I decided to go to one service anyway, so my brother-in-law and I went together, and I saw and realized at once that the people engaged in the worship had something I did not have. But I did not say much, for I did not feel as if I wanted any of the up-town people to see me there, yet I gathered courage enough to go back to the afternoon service and take a seat in the rear of the tent. They were having a testimony meeting, and as they testified, I thought of my experience. I knew God had never done as much for me as they were testifying to His having done. All of a sudden, someone was singing in other tongues. The moment she began singing, the power of God struck me in both hands and ran to my elbows. I was convinced of its being the Word of God. So I went back the next Sunday, after praying all week, and when the altar call was made, it seemed the power of God was too strong for me. I was in the altar before I hardly realized what I was doing. After this time, I did not care who saw me going to or at the altar; so I did not miss going to the altar a time for two weeks when I was there. When not there, I was praying all I could for what God had done for me. At the end of two weeks and about one o'clock at night, I got what God had for me; I received Him whom Jesus said He would pray the Father to send, and He still abides. This was the twelfth night of September, 1908. My friends gave me three months to be in this way, but I am still in it, and it has been sixteen months. I expect to stay in it till Jesus comes or says, "It is enough, come up higher." Praise God!—Yours for Jesus, T. L. McLain, Cleveland, Tennessee.



Missionary

Nassau, N. P., Bahama Islands
February 1, 1910

I am indeed thankful that the Assembly unanimously decided to publish a Pentecostal paper devoted to the interest of the Church of God, and I hasten, if perchance I may be able to greet the brethren and sisters, in the name of our great Pastor and coming King in the first issue, according to your kind invitation.

We landed at Nassau on the fourth of last month, and immediately hunted up Brother and Sister Barr, who came over in November last. I found that they were making full proof of their ministry. And although the usual places of worship were, as a rule, closed to them, yet they had rented a hall, and were faithfully preaching all phases of the full gospel of Christ, including the baptism of the Holy Ghost, as indicated by the Bible sign of speaking in tongues, as given in the Gospel of Mark 16:17; John 15:26-27; Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6, etc. And the Spirit was already moving upon the hearts of the people.

We obtained a cottage and began to cooperate with

them immediately, and up to the present time, between fifteen and twenty have been converted, five sanctified, and about the same number have received the baptism with the Holy Ghost with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues. This is the more remarkable because very few, indeed, of any church seem to know much of vital godliness.

Now we have seven places open to us for holding services, and invitations are coming in from other islands, where we are informed that they will attend the services in multitudes, and in many places their spiritual condition is pitiable, indeed. There are a number of open doors on the different islands where the gospel can be preached effectually to hungry-hearted, English-speaking people, both white and colored. The harvest is indeed great, and the laborers are few. But let no one enter who is not thoroughly dead and made alive in Christ Jesus and cleansed and filled with the Holy Ghost so that he or she will not hesitate to get down to and labor for the most degraded of the Lord's poor creatures. In all of my study of mission fields, I know of none where an immediate return can be more hopefully looked for than on these islands. It seems to me that the Church of God cannot do better for the present than to concentrate its force of men and means on this field, if the Lord so leads. I will write you more fully at a later date.

We put up our tent tomorrow to continue a meeting during this month. Please ask the saints to pray for us.

May the Lord guide and bless you and all His faithful ones is my humble prayer in Jesus' name.

Yours in love and labor for Jesus.—R. M. Evans.



Latter Rain Revival

THE PUBLIC MIND is deeply concerned as to many features of the great Pentecostal or "latter rain" revival. A great many souls are affected more or less by its miraculous power. Some are wrapped in the Word of God, taking a bold stand with it. Others are mocking, saying, "These men are full of wine," while others are in doubt, saying one to another, "What meaneth this?"

The history of Christianity demonstrates that every great spiritual epoch or reformation has been productive of a field of literature peculiar to itself, which has, as a general rule, been presented as complete within its scope. This has proved to be a mistake. We might say, divine revelation was progressive in its unfoldment. Man was led back to his former standard, or similar to his state before his miserable fall, by continual steps of increasing degrees in its development. True, the discovery of the meaning of the truth has been revealed to us in steps progressive in the Christian Era. And every great reformation or revival has been a turning point for the discovery of the meaning of the truth and for the bestowment or application of different degrees of the work of grace.

As in the Reformation of Luther's time, we see that it succeeded in bringing to light justification by faith; the Wesleyan revival, sanctification by faith. These two re-

vivals were productive of a vast amount of literature, setting forth many valuable and precious truths, accompanied by blessings of untold value. But, beloved, don't confine yourself to the truth set forth in the literature pertaining to or describing justification and sanctification only. It will serve as a barrier to keep you out of the Pentecostal blessing. They are glorious, but why not go farther?

We are not condemning the people of Mr. Wesley's time or of Mr. Luther's time for not representing the gospel in its Pentecostal fullness. They succeeded in bringing the light to many valuable truths which we are enjoying today. They had a great share in bearing "the burden and heat of the day."

Thank God for one dear brother who stood up in the Imperial Assembly, and when called upon to recant his errors, said: "I cannot, I will not, unless what I have written shall be shown to be contrary to Holy Scripture or to plain reason, for to act against conscience is neither safe nor upright." His closing remarks were also impressive: "I can do no otherwise; here I stand; God help me. Amen."

Mr. Wesley is recorded as having said: "There is no perfection of degrees; none which does not admit of continual increase."

Beloved, we are on the verge of a climax. The golden chain of truth that links together time, which has been smoked and cankered by the darkness of age, is being washed and garnished by the environment of the Holy Spirit till it is almost as bright as it was when Jesus was on earth.

Glory to Jesus! He's coming soon. Hallelujah!

On the mount where Christ took Peter, James, and John, He was transfigured before them, and Moses and Elias appeared and talked with Him. We might say, Moses here represents justification by faith; Elias, sanctification. But "behold a voice out of the cloud, which said: 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him . . . For he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.'"

Since the Pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit in Los Angeles, California, in 1906, it has belted the globe and is flooding every country on the face of the earth with its power and glory. Brother L. P. Adams, of Memphis, Tennessee, in the "Present Truth," said, "It is scriptural! It satisfies! Why oppose?"

Yours in God's love.—Marion T. Whidden, Crewsville, Florida.



THE DARK, CLOUDY DAY has passed. We are now in the evening of this wonderful gospel age. The sheep must be gathered from all places where they have been scattered. They are coming, as the light is now shining since the sun has dropped from behind the cloud once more in the western horizon and is shining brightly, just before dropping behind the hills, which will usher in the night of awful tribulations. The full blaze of light beamed forth from the Pentecostal chamber and shined forth with radiant glory in the early morning of the gospel day, and its beams have pierced through the dark ages and created a warmth to many almost discouraged lives at intervals ever since the outpouring of the Spirit on that memorable day. "I am Alpha and Omega, the be-

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Anniversary greetings to the vast *EVANGEL* family...

THE CHURCH OF GOD *Evangel* is one of the most valuable pieces of literature ever published. As a reader for the last twenty-five years, I can say that I have never had in my home a piece of literature that was more interesting and more thrilling to me.

When I was just a small chap at home with Mom and Dad, I can well recall how they looked forward to the *Evangel* coming every week. We gathered around the fireside to hear Mom read the Bible and the glad tidings from the *Evangel*. We were taught to believe that the *Evangel* was one of the most sacred pieces of literature ever published and that the employees of the Publishing House prayed over the *Evangel* every week before it was mailed. That, as a reader some twenty-five years ago, was certainly hard to understand.

After growing up, getting married, leaving home, and setting up a home of my own, I felt that it would be absolutely incomplete without the *Evangel* coming to our home regularly. To my knowledge, during this time, a single week has not passed that we have not received an *Evangel*.

As a state youth director, I promoted the *Evangel*, the official organ of the Church of God, and also The LIGHTED PATHWAY. I urged all the members in the state in which I worked to subscribe to these publications, for they are above the average printed and will prove to be a real blessing to any home.

As a pastor, I found the *Evangel* very helpful. It contains some of the greatest articles, best sermons, and sweetest testimonies that can be found anywhere. I can recommend it to every Christian regardless of his faith or denomination.

Since being the Business Manager of the Publishing House for the past four and one-half years, I have become a much stronger believer in the *Evangel* than ever before. I have found that our Editor-in-Chief, the pressmen, and all the various persons handling the mail are interested in the *Evangel*, and each Monday morning they pray that the blessings of the Almighty God will be upon this and all other literature going from the Publishing House.

Many times we get letters from various people on the field who, after reading in the *Evangel* how God has gloriously saved or healed someone, ask that we especially remember them in prayer. We feel that it is our duty to pray that God will bless and enrich the readers through the *Evangel*.

It is my pleasure to have seen the *Evangel* go to an all-time high of over 43,000 subscriptions last year. If each reader would get one *Evangel* subscription in addition to his, the *Evangel* would soon reach the 100,000 mark.

I can truthfully recommend the *Evangel* to be the greatest religious publication printed today. May God bless its readers is my earnest desire.—Cecil Bridges, Business Manager.

FORTY-FIVE YEARS AGO when the first edition of the Church of God *Evangel* came off the press, it is not likely that even the most optimistic person comprehended how large its ministry would become. Through the years, it has developed into a truly distinctive Church

journal. Faithful to its name, it has been a bearer of "glad tidings" to its readership in every part of the world. Its pages have brought information to the inquirer, cheer to the discouraged, and the gospel to the lost.

Without doubt, the *Evangel* is an integral part of the great organization for which it speaks. It has served well as a liaison between the General Church and its constituents on the field. Laymen and ministers alike around the world have come to depend upon its pages as a medium of contact and information. They depend upon it also as the apologist of the Church, giving official voice to the pertinent matters before the Christian world.

The *Evangel* has been under the direction of some truly competent and distinguished editors. Each has contributed to its illustrious and beneficial ministry. Its present editor, the Rev. Charles W. Conn, has done much to gain for it the enviable position it holds in journalistic circles today. It is with sincere appreciation, therefore, that I salute the *Evangel* and its editor on the forty-fifth anniversary of its publication.—Lewis J. Willis, Editor, The LIGHTED PATHWAY.

THE TIME IS propitious that I should express my personal congratulations and appreciation for our Church of God *Evangel* on its forty-fifth anniversary. From a very small beginning on March 1, 1910, our *Evangel* has grown to maturity, taking its place as one of the prominent religious publications of our times. The high quality of workmanship and content is worthy of our highest praise and appreciation.

May we congratulate the Editor-in-Chief and his staff, as well as the Business Manager, all department heads, and workers in the Publishing House, for the success and accomplishments of the past. We assure you of an interest in our prayers for a bright and prosperous future as we strive together to bring a lost world to Jesus Christ.—Houston R. Morehead, Assistant General Overseer.

GREETINGS FRIENDS, on this the forty-fifth birthday of the Church of God *Evangel*. This Church magazine has been coming to our homes for a good many years. It has, indeed, been a source of information for those who have observed the activities of the Church. It has announced the General Assemblies these many years. There have been changes in administration because of death and rules of limitation, but the *Evangel* has not changed. It continues faithfully to carry its message into the homes of Church of God members and friends fifty times each year. Its editorials have been a guiding light as they have sent forth rays of intellectual light into the hearts of those who have sought understanding on many perplexing problems, both moral and spiritual. The testimonies of revivals have been a real faith tonic to churches and ministers. Its herald of miracles and of healings has revived faith and hope in the hearts of thousands who have found deliverance from sin and sickness.

The *Evangel's* Christ-exalting, salvation-centered messages have been a mighty influence for good in turning the hearts of many to the righteousness of God. Take for example the man who was serving a prison term far away from home. He was given a Church of God *Evangel*

and was wonderfully saved. Also, a man wrote me not long ago that he found the *Evangel* in an alley of one of the northern cities. He was so thrilled over the soul-inspiring testimonies of healings that he wanted to know more about the Church. Space will not permit me to tell of the tremendous influence the *Evangel* has had on individual lives, as well as on church groups about which I know.

It is a privilege to join the *Evangel* readers everywhere in saying, "Happy birthday, and long live the power and influence of this fine periodical as it continues to unfold the message of Christ and the activities of this Church."
—H. D. Williams, General Secretary-Treasurer.

MY HEARTIEST congratulations to you on your forty-fifth birthday. May God grant many more such occasions if Jesus tarries a little longer. On such a memorable day as this, we often compliment the person thus honored by telling him how nice looking he is, how well he looks, and how kind the years are treating him. It would not be improper to tell you that the passing of years has improved your looks, and you look younger now than years ago. Your face has a new look that is very becoming, and, to be frank, it makes a man look at you the second time.

The passage of time often slows one's activities, brings on infirmities, and impairs one's usefulness. It has, however, had the obverse effect on you, and the swift flight of time has brought on a feeling of the brevity of life, and the realization that what is done must be done quickly. Recognizing this, you have expanded your scope of activities so that you may serve more effectively. Instead of reaching only those who are close by, your journeys take you into the foreign lands to gladden the hearts of many in their native tongue with your message of hope and cheer. Your usefulness multiplies as the years slip into eternity. Your courts of praise resound with the glad shouts of newborn souls and shouts of victory. Tales of conquest are recounted to appreciative listeners, and they share the feeling of exultation when told that the enemy has been routed. Your sermons have cheered many weary hearts and have encouraged the faint. They have inspired men to noble efforts and have turned defeat into victory. Weary sinners have found the path to peace and joy, and backsliders have learned that God is love and that He will seek the wandering sheep until he is found.

May God smile upon you this day and the days to come. May each successive birthday be remembered with thanksgiving in knowing that you have contributed to the happiness and eternal well-being of pilgrims who are passing this way but once. As you take your message into the home, the prison, the sick room, the library, or the waiting room of a bus, train, or air terminal, may you be conscious that one day the words of the Master will be heard, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."—James A. Cross, Assistant General Overseer.

GREETINGS TO OUR many *Evangel* readers. This week we celebrate another anniversary of the Church of God *Evangel*. For forty-five years now, we have been publishing this Christian magazine. It has brought blessings to thousands and has carried the gospel into many nations and islands of the sea. Many people have been brought into the light of the gospel through its pages. We are constantly receiving letters

from people who have been converted, sanctified, baptized with the Holy Ghost, and healed through the reading of the *Evangel*. Others have been brought into the light of the Church of God and are now faithful members. Only last week we received a letter from a brother who lives almost halfway around the world from Cleveland. He stated that he had received, for the first time, a copy of the *Evangel*, which had been given to him by a friend. He was rejoicing and praising God for the Church of God and the *Evangel*.

We trust and pray that its circulation may be increased and that many others will be enlightened and will receive encouragement and inspiration by the sermons, testimonies, and Biblical instructions that its pages will carry through the years to come.—Zeno C. Tharp, General Overseer.



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ginning and the ending, the first and the last," said Jesus; and as the light burst forth with such glory and power in the first or early morning when the sun was first seen rising above the eastern hills, then as Jesus is first and last, also, we can expect nothing less in glory and power in the evening light than broke out over the eastern hills in the early morning of the gospel age. The Evening Light, the true Light, is now shining, and the sheep are hearing His voice and are coming from every place where they have been scattered during the cloudy, dark day. His Church was planted in the early morning, and it burst out on the sea of humanity like a thunderbolt from a clear sky, and the sheep rushed into it and the conflagration kept spreading and the power kept falling—the Church was but one—until Paul declared that the gospel was preached to every creature under heaven.

Today the command to go and the command to evangelize are just as forcible upon us upon whom the ends of the world have come as it was when first uttered by our Lord and great Head of the Church. They were successful in the morning light. We must be just as much so in the evening light, or we will fall beneath our privileges, yea, our obligations. The Holy Spirit was given to the disciples in the morning to give them power to accomplish just what they did accomplish. He is given to us for the same purpose. We dare not falter. We dare not quail. We dare not even fear. The time is short. The harvest is ripe. The sickle must be furbished and put into use. The precious fruit of the earth must be reaped. It must be done quickly. Some fields are now dead ripe and will be lost if we don't work hard and wield the sickle with wisdom and power. Be strong. Be of good courage. Don't mind the rebuffs of the enemy. Don't even listen to his roaring. Wield the sickle. Let him roar. Work right on. Teach the people to observe all things whatsoever He said to His disciples in the early morning. This is the evening, but the same sun is shining. "I am Alpha and Omega." "I will bring them from all places," said the prophet. They shall see and flow together. Their hearts shall be enlarged. The gates of hell shall not prevail against His Church. Truth crushed to earth shall rise again. His Church shall shine out with the brilliancy of its infancy. Lift up your heads and look. Finally, behold it pure and spotless, to be presented to Him a glorious Church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing. Ephesians 5:27.



religious news



NEW DAILY DEVOTIONALS ACCLAIMED BY RELIGIOUS LEADERS

Protestant and Catholic religious leaders have joined in approving two daily religious almanacs and devotional reminders recently published by Hawthorn Books, "The Protestant Year 1955" and "The Catholic Year 1955."

The Protestant volume is prepared by the editors of the interdenominational magazine, the *Christian Herald*, and contains an introduction by Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the *Christian Herald* and international president of the Christian Endeavor movement. The Catholic yearbook, compiled under the supervision of The National Council of Catholic Men, a subdivision of the National Catholic Welfare Conference and an official agency of the Catholic Church, includes an introduction by Most Reverend Richard J. Cushing, S.T.D., Archbishop of Boston and Episcopal chairman of The National Council of Catholic Men.

Because of the demand for a Jewish devotional annual similar to "The Protestant Year" and "The Catholic Year," Religious Facts Publishers, of New York, have just issued such a volume. Entitled "The Jewish Almanac," it is described as a "day-by-day devotional guide" for 1955 and the equivalent Jewish calendar period, 5715-5716. It is compiled by J. P. Sommer and contains an article by the Reverend Dr. Julius Mark, senior rabbi of Temple Emanu-El, New York City.

"The Protestant Year 1955," "The Catholic Year 1955," and "The Jewish Almanac" are available at all bookstores.

THE WORLD CONFERENCE OF PENTECOSTAL CHURCHES IN STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN JUNE 13-20, 1955

The conference will begin on Monday, June 13, at 4:00 p.m. with a welcome service for all delegates in the Philadelphia Church, 5-7 Roerstrands-gatan, Stockholm.

That night the public opening service will be held in a special conference tent seating 12,000 persons.

Accommodation and meals will be in the hands of a special agency, "Reso," which is very able to handle such services and take care of 5,000 persons. By mail this agency will contact at his home address, every delegate and observer of the World Conference that has applied for accommodation and give information of

where he will be located in hotel, home or school in Stockholm, according to the class of accommodation each one prefers and asks for in his application.

On arrival in Stockholm, travelers by air, railway, or ship will be met by guides with a distinctive badge who will direct them to their destinations.

We expect all applications to be received before April 1, 1955, and addressed to the conference secretary, the Rev. Allan Tornberg, Box 6082, Stockholm 6, Sweden.

As we have heard rumors from abroad that the Swedish brethren are going to change the direction of this World Conference to some special line of their own, we take the occasion to make the statement that the World Conference in Stockholm will be conducted on the same line as that in London.

There will be special cards with different colors for delegates and observers.

No special speaker has been called. We expect that speakers from the Pentecostal Churches all over the world will be engaged both in the conference sessions and in the public meetings every night.

Delegates will be received who are in good standing and are recommended by recognized Pentecostal bodies in the different countries.

To all a hearty welcome!—Lewi Pethrus, Stockholm.

Miss Lillian Trasher, who has been called "the greatest woman in Egypt," has returned to the United States for the first time in twenty-five years, and is now making a tour of the country with the Sunday School conventions of the Assemblies of God.

World famous for her work as founder and director of a large orphanage which the Assemblies of God supports at Assiut, Egypt, Miss Trasher will be a feature speaker at the regional Sunday School conventions through April.

Talks scheduled include appearances at Omaha, Nebraska, March 15-17; Boston, Massachusetts, March 29-31; and Nashville, Tennessee, April 12-14.

Since 1911, Miss Trasher has devoted her full time to raising funds and providing food, clothing, education, and shelter for more than 8,000 widows and orphans. Currently the home is taking care of 865 homeless who would otherwise be turned into the streets of Egypt.

Through forty-one years of service as a social institution in Egypt, the

orphanage has grown from a budget of \$911 in 1911 to \$53,387 last year. Since inception of the orphanage, close to \$1,500,000 have been spent providing facilities for the outcast street population of the land of deserts.

As a result of its work in Egypt, the Assiut Orphanage has captured world recognition. In 1939 Miss Trasher was featured in a *Reader's Digest* article which said of her: "They call her the greatest woman in Egypt—this big-hearted American who is 'Mama' to many throughout the country."

Wendell Willkie, Republican presidential candidate in 1946, spoke highly of Miss Trasher in his book *One World*.

A Scottish nobleman has been quoted as telling Miss Trasher: "Address me any way you like. Any title I may have shrinks to insignificance before the nobility of your character and work."

General Mohammed Naguib, one-time strong man of Egypt, on an official visit to the Trasher Orphanage, wrote in the guest book: "The founder of this institution, the great Miss Trasher, is a precious gift from God. I call upon all those who are engaged in social reform and activities to visit this institution and learn from it what they should do if they really wish to achieve."

The Nile Mother, now 67 years old, has been the subject of one book, has been mentioned in numerous magazine articles, and will be featured in a film to be released in April. During her tour of the United States, Miss Trasher will tell of her experiences in providing for the castaways of Egypt and of growth of the Assiut, Egypt, Orphanage.

TWIN CONVENTIONS IN 1955

The National Sunday School Association officers recently voted to celebrate their tenth anniversary with twin conventions in October, 1955, according to Clate A. Risley, General Secretary.

East and west coast conventions will be held in Providence, Rhode Island, and Spokane, Washington. The Spokane Convention will be October 5-6-7, and the Providence Convention will be October 26-27-28.

The Reverend Sherman Williams is the NSSA Washington State representative, and the Reverend Norman Townsend is the State representative for Rhode Island.

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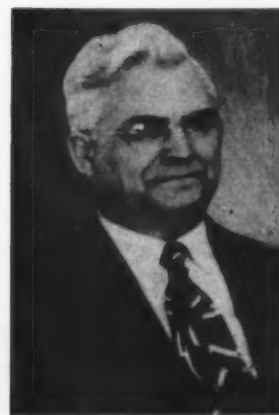
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